

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1           1.       (Previously Presented) A method for use in a user system capable of  
2 communicating over a network, comprising:  
3               receiving, in the user system, a control message for a call session over the  
4 network;  
5               receiving one or more predetermined criteria entered by a user through a user  
6 interface of the user system;  
7               comparing, by a rules engine executable in the user system, information in the  
8 control message against the one or more predetermined criteria; and  
9               loading a web page, in the user system, based on the comparison by the rules  
10 engine of information in the control message with the one or more predetermined criteria.

1           2.       (Cancelled)

1           3.       (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein loading the web page  
2 includes launching a web browser to perform a service separate from and in addition to call  
3 control and status and media-related tasks.

1           4.       (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending one or more  
2 messages in response to the control message to establish a call session.

1           5.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing a real-time  
3 audio-based interactive communications session.

1           6.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a message for establishing a real-time text-based communications session.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message includes receiving a message according to a Session Initiation Protocol.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving, through the user interface, a name of a software routine corresponding to the web browser to be launched.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving user-defined data from the user interface, the user-defined data for passing to the launched web browser.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message is performed by a protocol-aware module and comparing the information is performed by a separate module.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the control message includes comparing an identifier of a caller.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the control message includes comparing an identifier of a callee.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the control message includes comparing information selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and message direction.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching different ones of plural routines based on the comparison of the control message information with the one or more predetermined criteria.

1           16.     (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1           17.     (Currently Amended) A user system comprising:  
2                 a processor;  
3                 a web browser executable on the processor;  
4                 a user interface to receive a set of one or more user-defined rules;  
5                 a network interface to receive a call request over a network;  
6                 a protocol-aware module executable on the processor to process the call request;  
7 and  
8                 a [[rule]] rules engine executable on the processor to compare information in the  
9 call request with the set of one or more user-defined rules, and to invoke the web browser based  
10 on comparing the information in the call request with the set of one or more user-defined rules.

1           18.     (Cancelled)

1           19.     (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the web browser  
2 performs a task that is separate from and in addition to call control, call status, and media-related  
3 services.

1           20.     (Cancelled)

1           21.     (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is  
2 adapted to receive a name of a software routine corresponding to the web browser to be invoked.

1           22.     (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 21, wherein the user interface is  
2 further capable of receiving user-defined data to pass with the launching of the web browser.

1           23.     (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the call request includes a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

25. (Previously Presented) An article including one or more storage media containing instructions for controlling a user device in a communications system having a network, the instructions when executed causing the user device to:

transmit a control message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing a call session over the network;

provide a user interface in the user device to receive one or more predetermined user-defined rules;

invoke a rules engine to compare information in the control message with one or more predetermined user-defined rules; and

load a web page in response to comparing the information in the control message with the one or more predetermined user-defined rules.

26. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides for real-time interactive communications sessions.

27. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides for text-based chat sessions.

28. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol includes a Session Initiation Protocol.

29. (Previously Presented) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave and comprising instructions for controlling a user device in a communications system. the instructions when executed causing the user device to:

- receive a call request according to a first protocol;
- provide a user interface to receive one or more user criteria;
- perform a rules check of information in the call request by invoking a rules engine to compare information in the call request with the one or more user criteria; and
- launch a web browser based on the rules check performed by the rules engine.

30. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

- a plurality of software routines;
- a storage device containing user-entered rules including a first set of rules and a second set of rules; and
- a network interface to receive one of an inbound and outbound message;

a rules engine to:

- compare information in the message with the user-entered rules;
- launch a first software routine in response to the rules engine determining that the first set of rules is satisfied; and
- launch a second software routine in response to the rules engine determining that the second set of rules is satisfied.

31. (Previously Presented) A user system comprising:

- a web browser;
- a network interface to transmit a call request for establishing a call session over a network;
- a user interface to receive user-entered rules;
- a storage device to store the user-entered rules; and
- a rules engine adapted to compare information in the call request with the user-entered rules and to load a web page in the web browser in response to the comparing.

1           32.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a  
2     uniform resource locator (URL) through the user interface, wherein loading the web page  
3     includes opening the web page specified by the URL received through the user interface.

1           33.     (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is  
2     adapted to receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web browser invoked  
3     based on the comparing is adapted to open a web page specified by the received URL.

1           34.     (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the one or more  
2     user-defined rules are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message  
3     priority, and message direction.

1           35.     (Previously Presented) The article of claim 25, wherein the instructions when  
2     executed cause the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through the  
3     user interface, wherein loading the web page includes opening a web page specified by the URL  
4     received through the user interface.

1           36.     (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the instructions  
2     when executed cause the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through  
3     the user interface, wherein launching the web browser includes opening a web page specified by  
4     the URL received through the user interface.

1           37.     (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the one or more user  
2     criteria are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority,  
3     and message direction.

1           38.     (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user interface is  
2     adapted to receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web page loaded in  
3     response to the comparing is specified by the received URL.

1           39.       (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user-entered  
2 rules are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and  
3 message direction.